

## HISTORY OF GRISWOLD'S PIONEER DAY

History of John and Elizabeth Griswold read at the Pioneer Observance, Clinton Centre, Monday, September 6, 1920.

We have come here to show our appreciation to a famous and illustrious pioneer of our country. Famous, in that he was one of those sturdy pioneers that founded our country - Illustrious, for the honesty and integrity he has left to posterity. So today we have come here to dedicate this monument to his memory.

He was born in Granville, Hampshire County, Mass., 1754 and died October 16, 1843. In Oct. 1790 or '91, he was married to Elizabeth Crittenden at Sandisfield, Mass.

At the age of eighteen, July 8th, 1777, he enlisted in the Continental Army in Rathburn's Co., Major Caleb Hyde's detachment of Militia. They marched to reinforce the Northern Army. Again in the same Co., he was under the command of General Gates, and was honorably discharged for his service. And right we have to think that John Griswold belonged to those heroes that purchased liberty, although, he was not killed on the battle field.